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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 851

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Douglas G. Odom, Jr., on being named "Senior of the Year" by the Madison Station Senior Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their exemplary efforts have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Douglas G. Odom, Jr., who was recently named "Senior of the Year" by the Madison Station Senior Center at its First Annual Whistle Stop Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom serves with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Board of Odom's Tennessee Pride Sausage, Inc., which is headquartered in Madison; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1943 by his mother and father, Douglas and Louise Odom, Tennessee pride is still a family-owned company; Doug and his brother, Richard A. Odom are the majority stockholders; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom joined the company on a permanent basis in 1951 after his discharge from the United States Marine Corps, and since that time, he has enjoyed the respect

and admiration of the company's employees and management alike for his honesty, integrity and fairness; and

WHEREAS, it is these noble characteristics that have distinguished him as a leader in the Nashville community; he has served with dedication as Chairman and a board member of the A.M.I., the Children's Hospital of Vanderbilt University, Davidson Academy, the King's Daughter Day Home and the Old Hickory Club; and

WHEREAS, Doug Odom is also a valuable member of The Madison Brothers and the Madison Chamber of Commerce, and served as a founder, charter member and the first president of the Tennessee Meat Packers Association; and

WHEREAS, a truly humble man, Mr. Odom epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is renowned for his willingness to help others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his loving wife, Robbie; their three children, Larry Odom, Teresa Odom and Deborah O. Pace; four granddaughters, and three grandsons; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of the City Road United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Doug Odom for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Mr. Douglas G. Odom, Jr., on being named "Senior of the Year" by the Madison Station Senior Center, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.